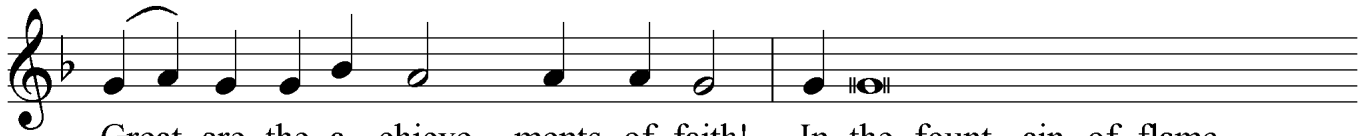


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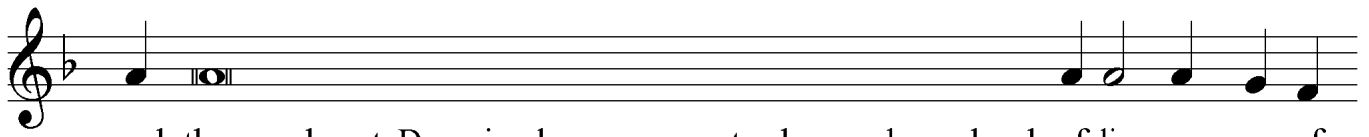
Troparion to the Fathers, Tone 2



Great are the a - chieve - ments of faith! In the fount - ain of flame,



as in re - fresh - ing wa - - - - ter, the three ho - ly Youths re - joiced;

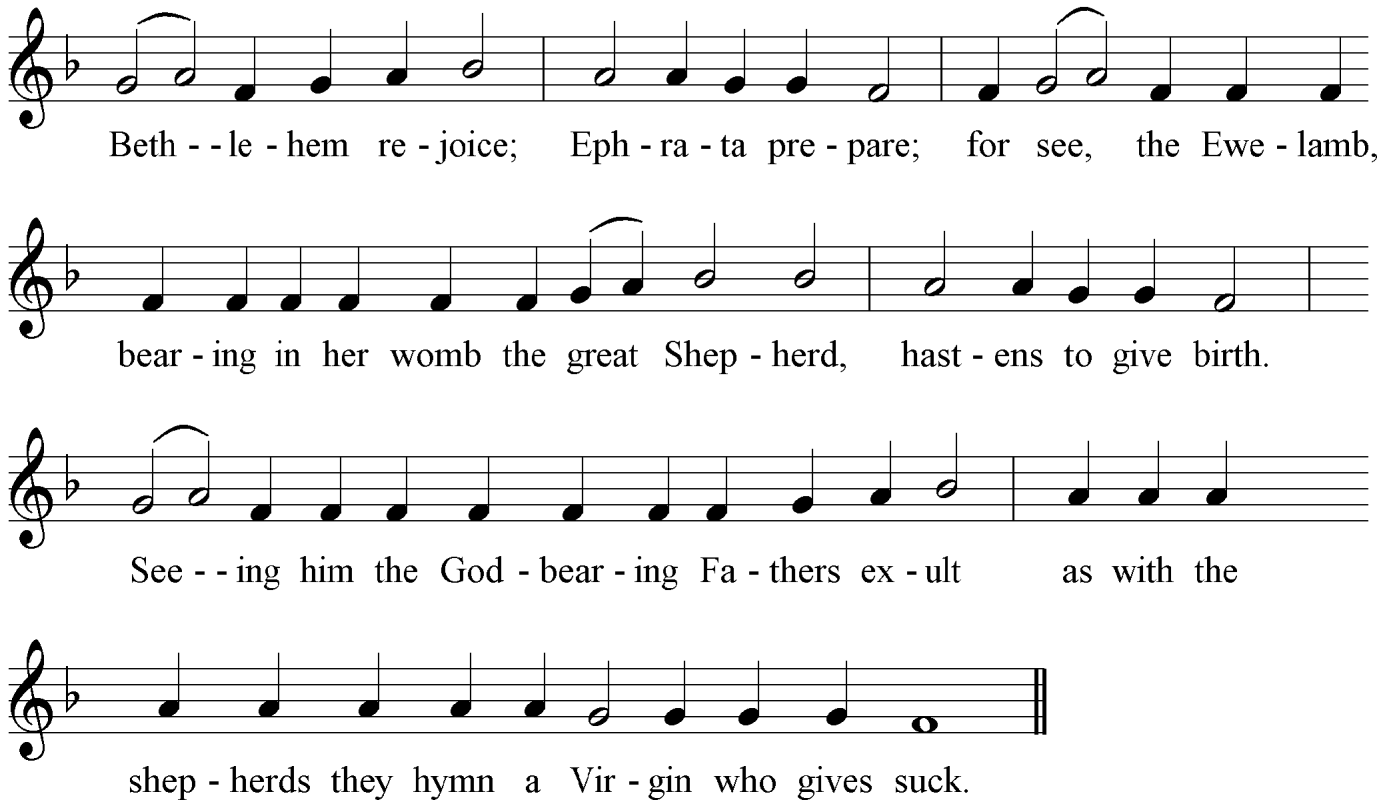


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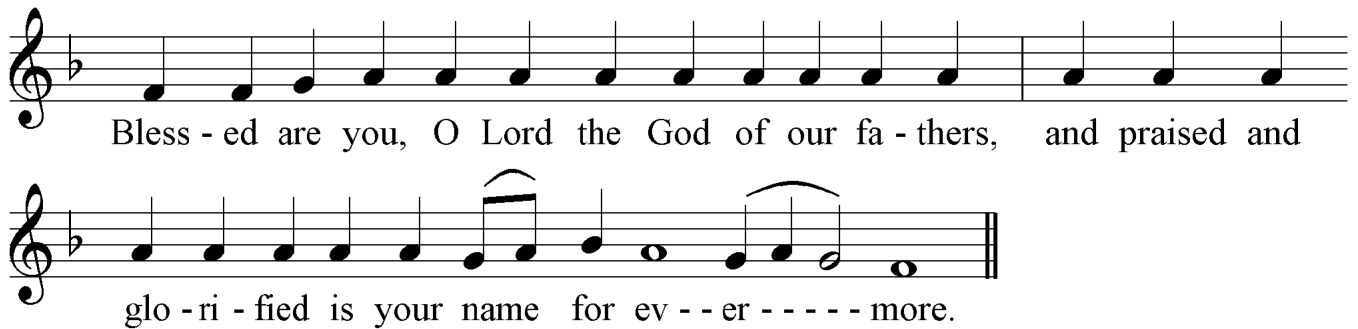
sheep. Through their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion of the Fathers, Tone 1



Beth - - le - hem re - joice; Eph - ra - ta pre - pare; for see, the Ewe - lamb,
bear - ing in her womb the great Shep - herd, hast - ens to give birth.
See - - ing him the God - bear - ing Fa - thers ex - ult as with the
shep - herds they hymn a Vir - gin who gives suck.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4



Bless - ed are you, O Lord the God of our fa - thers, and praised and
glo - ri - fied is your name for ev - - er - - - - - more.

Verse: For you are righteous in all things which you have done for us .

Alleluia, Tone 4



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - - - - - ia.

Verse 1: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, the work which you did in their days, in days of old.

Verse 2: You have saved us from those who afflicted us, and have put to shame those who hated us.

Communion Chant: Praise the Lord from the heavens, ...

Second Communion Chant: The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance....